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FM AMEMBASSY TUNIS

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INFO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

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SUBJECT: KHMER MUSLIM DELEGATION

REF: TUNIS 5662; PHNOM PENH 12268

1. KHMER MUSLIM DELEGATION COMPOSED OF HADJ ELL PRAHIM, UNDER SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, DR. ABDULHAMID JAKARIYA, DEPUTY, AND MAT PEAO, MOFA CALLED AT EMBASSY SEPTEMBER 13 AND REQUESTED OUR ASSISTANCE IN MAKING CONTACT WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY AND SAUDI ARABIAN EMBASSY. AMBASSADOR TOLD THEM WE WOULD TRY TO BE HELPFUL. ACCORDINGLY, WE WILL SEEK APPOINTMENT FOR KHmers WITH FON MIN CHATTI NEXT WEEK WHEN HE RETURNS FROM DESTOURIAN BOCIALIST PARTY CONGRESS IN MONSTIR (WHICH CURRENTLY OCCUPYING TIME OF ALMOST EVERYONE IN TUNISIA).

KHMERS SAID THEY INTEND TO SEEK GOT ABSTENTION ON UNGA VOTE OVER KHMER REPRESENTATION. THEY WERE NOT RPT NOT SEEKING A FAVORABLE VOTE. AMB NOTED THAT HE HAD JUST CALLED ON CHATTI AND RECEIVED RESPONSE THAT TUNISIANS

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WOULD BE THINKING MATTER OVER CAREFULLY.

2. DELEGATION DID NOT KNOW WHEREABOUTS OF OTHER KHMER MUSLIM GROUPS. HOWEVER, THEY EXPECTED TO RENDEZVOUS WITH THEM ON SEPTEMBER 20 IN BEIRUT. ELL PRAHIM-LED GROUP PLANS TO PROCEED TO RABAT ON SEPTEMBER 17. GROUP SAID THERE ARE TWO OTHER DELEGATIONS IN ADDITION TO THEMSELVES STILL AT LARGE.

3. COMMENT: DELEGATION ASSURED US THEY WERE AN OFFICIAL DELEGATION OF GKR, EVEN THOUGHT THEY STRESSING THEIR RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION. THIS MAY MAKE DIFFERENCE IN WHETHER TUNISIANS SEE THEM OR NOT. NONETHELESS, WITH GRUNK DELEGATIONS NOW OUT OF TOWN, AND GIVEN TUNISIAN PROCLIVITY FOR POLITICAL BALANCING ACTS, WE THINK THERE IS NOT CHANCE CHATTI OR AT LEAST ONE OF HIS ASSISTANTS WILL SEE THEM.

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